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AN ACT OF ASSESMENT.

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Saturday, Iune 18. 1659.

ORdered by the PARLIAMENT, that this Act be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Thomas St. *Nicholas*,
Clerk of the Parliament

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THe Parliament having taken into Consideration the State of the Affairs of this Commonwealth, in reference to the great debts contracted, during the time of their interuption, and the great sums of money which are daily requred for the defraying of the present and growing Charge of the Forces thereof by Land and Sea; Do find it necessary, that there be not onely a speedy Payment of the Twelve Monthys Assesment, from the Four and Twentieth of this instant June, already imposed by pretence of Parliamentary Authority, but also a further Supply, which ỹ Parliament is considering how to raise by such ways and means, as may best answer the occasions of the Commonwealth, & be least burthensome to the People, And

do therefore Enact, & be it Enacted by the Parliament, & by the Authority thereof, that the several Sums of Thirty five thousand pounds by the Month upon England, Six thousand pounds by the Month upon Scotland, and Nine thousand pounds by the Month upon Ireland, imposed as aforesaid, to be paid for twelve Months, commencing the 24th day of June, One thousand six hundred fifty and nine, shall by virtue hereof be Assessed, Taxed, Levyed, Collected and paid in the several Countyes, Cityes, Towns and Places in England, and Wales, and Town of Berwick: And in Ireland, and Scotland, be the several Sums, and according to the several Rates and Proportions, and in such manner as the former two years Assessment at the same Rate, have been and were directed to be Assessed, Taxed, Levyed, Collected and Paid, and as by the Orders and powers whereby the same is imposed, is directed and appointed, save onely in such case as concerns the time of payment of the said twelve Months Assessment, & such other matters as are herein after particularly provided for, which are to be observed and performed according to the directions of this Act.

And be it further Enacted, and it is hereby Enacted, that the several Commissioners and other Persons by the said Orders, Instructions or Powers, nominated and appointed, shall have, use, exercise, and put in execution the same Orders, Instructions and Powers, for the Assessing, Collecting, Levying, and paying the said twelve months Assessment; and also observe and pursue the several Rules, Directions, Clauses and Provisoes, prescribing the way and manner of Rating, Leavying, Collecting and Paying thereof, which by the said former Orders and Powers are limitted and appointed, as fully and effectually to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been Provided and Enacted by the Authoritie of this present Parliament. For the better effecting whereof, the several and respective Commissioners in the said Orders and Powers, named for the said three years Assessment for the respective Counties, Cityes, Towns and Places in England and Wales, and Town of Berwick, shall meet together at the most common and usual places of meeting in each of the said Counties, Cityes, and Towns respectively, on or before the first day of July, One thousand six hundred fifty nine. And the said Commissioners, or as many of them as shall be then and there present, shall cause this present Act to be put in execution, for the Ordering, Directing, Managing, Levying and bringing in the said Assessment formerly appointed for twelve Months, so as the full half part thereof to be charged upon each Di-

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vision, Hundred, Parish and Place, may be fully Assessed, Levyed, Collected and paid into the respective Receivers, and by them to the Receivers General of the whole Assessment, on or before the first day of August, One thousand six hundred fifty nine: & the other half part of the said Assessment on or before the Tenth Day of October, One thonland six hundred fifty nine: And the said Commissioners, or any three or more of them, shall and may appoint such other meetings, at such times and places, as they shall think fit; where the major part of them then present, shall do and perform such things, & give such further Orders & Directions for the due execution of this present Act, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, as they shall find requisite. And all and every the Assessors, Collectors, Receivers, and other Officers and Persons, that shall be concerned in such Orders and directions as shall be given by the said Commissioners, are hereby enjoyned and required, to observe and execute the same accordingly. And as for and concerning the Assessing, Collecting, Levying, Recieving and paying the said monthly Sum of six thousand pounds on Scotland, and Nine thousand pounds upon Ireland; The Commissioners that are or shall be appointed for the Government and Management of the affairs of those Nations respectively, shall be and are hereby Impowered and Authorized, to give such Orders and directions, for the effectual Assessing, Levying, Collecting, Paying and Receiving of the said Assessments, by the time appointed for payment of the Assessments on England, according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, as they shall think fit, which all persons concerned are hereby required to obey and observe accordingly.

And be it further Enacted; and it is hereby Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the several Powers, Orders, and Instructions formerly given, or mentioned to be given, by pretence of Parliamentary or other Authority as aforesaid, for the Ordering, Managing, Disposing, Receiving, and Issuing forth of the Assessments and other Moneys heretofore Raised and appointed for the use of the Forces in England, Scotland, and Ireland, and the contingent Charges thereof, shall by virtue hereof, be Observed, Made, and put in Execution by the Persons therein Named as a Committee for the Army, Receivers General of Assessments, and Treasurers at War respectively, as well for the Managing, Ordering, Receiving, Disposing, and Issuing forth of the Assessments herein before mentioned, as of all other Moneys that have been, or before the Five and twentieth of

December, One thonſand ſix hundred fifty nine, ſhall be appointed for the uſes aforeſaid, and for all other Matters and Things mentioned in ſuch Orders, Powers, and Inſtructions, as if they had been Made and Given by the Authority of this preſent Parliament.

Provided nevertheleſs, That all Orders and Warrants to be Iſſued for the payment of any the ſaid Forces, Raiſed, or to be Raiſed for the Service of this Commonwealth, and the contingent Charges thereof, ſhall be according to ſuch allowances of Pay, as have been formerly made in that behalf, or according to ſuch Directions as ſhall be hereafter given by the Parliament, or the Authority thereof, and not otherwiſe.

Saturday, June 14. 1659.

ORdered by the PARLIAMENT, that this Act be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Thomas St. *Nicholas*,
Clerk of the Parliament.

By the Commiſſioners of PARLIAMENT for the Government of IRELAND.

IN purſuance of the Act aforeſaid, Ordered That the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties and places (as they are nominated in the Commiſſions of Aſſeſment dated the 1 of October, and the 4th of March laſt,) be, and are hereby impowred to be Commiſſioners for the Aſſeſsing, Leavying, and Collecting

lecting the 12 Monthys Aſſeſment (in the Act abovementioned,) as by the ſaid Act is declared and appointed; as alſo the Arrear (if any be) of the three former months Aſſeſment, commencing the 24th of March laſt. In Order whereunto the ſaid Commiſſioners are hereby Required within ſix dayes, (or ſooner if it may be after publication hereof) to meet together in the chief Town, or other the moſt uſual place of meeting in the reſpective Citys and Countyes by the ſaid Commiſsioners, or any three or more of them to be appointed, and giving notice to the reſt of the Commiſſioners of ſuch their meeting, they are to cauſe the ſaid Act to be put in execution for the Ordering, Directing, Managing, Leavying, and bringing in the ſaid 12 Monthys Aſſeſment, and for the payment thereof into the hands of the Receivers of the reſpective Counties or Precincts, as by the ſaid Act is appointed. And the ſaid Commiſſioners are in all other things to obſerve the Inſtructions iſſued hence concerning the ſaid Aſſeſments bearing date the firſt day of October laſt. And all Officers Civil and Military, and all other perſons whatſoever, are hereby ſtrictly required to be aydeing and aſſiſting in the due execution of the power and truſt thereby granted, as they or any of them ſhall be thereunto required. Laſtly, it is Ordered, That the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties, do diſtribute in every Countie and Barrony the abovesaid Act, whereby the Commiſſioners of Aſſeſment may put the ſame in Execution and the people concerned, have due and timely notice thereof. Dated at the *Council-Chamber* in *Dublin*, the 27 of *June* 1659.

W. Steel. *Miles Corbett.*

By the Commiſſioners of Parliament for the Government of *IRELAND.*

ORdered, That the Act and Order aforeſaid be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed.

Thomas Herbert Secr.